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FOLLOWING ISLAMABAD 3751 ACTION SECSTATE INFO NEW DELHI APR 20TH.

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 3751

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BYROADE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, PK, IN, US, BG

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PROPOSED VISIT TO SUBCONTINENT

1. THERE HAS BEEN MUCH IN THE NEWS RECENTLY ABOUT A GREAT UPSURGE IN US-INDIA RELATIONS. I WELCOME THIS AND I BELIEVE THAT BHUTTO, DESPITE SOME PERHAPS UNDERSTANDABLE SIDE EMOTIONS, IS ENOUGH OF A STATESMAN TO SEE SUCH A TREND AS NOT BEING INIMICAL TO THE BASIC INTERESTS OF PAKISTAN OR TO HIS PERSONAL POSITION.

2. THERE HAS, HOWEVER, ALSO BEEN CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY ABOUT AN UPCOMING OFFICIAL VISIT BY YOU TO INDIA IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE. THIS HAS NOW BEEN FORECAST OFFICIALLY IN
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INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

3. THIS MESSAGE WILL BE BRIEF AS IT ONLY STATES THE OBVIOUS.
A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED OFFICIAL VISIT BY YOU TO INDIA
WITHOUT ALSO STOPPING OVER IN PAKISTAN WOULD BE
DETRIMENTAL TO OUR POSITION HERE. THIS WOULD BE
PARTICULARLY TRUE IF YOU WERE TO ALSO INCLUDE BANGLADESH
IN YOUR ITINERARY.

4. I AM COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THAT YOU WOULD NOT LIKE TO
SEE THIS TYPE OF ADVERSE REACTION IN PAKISTAN. MY FEAR
IS, IN VIEW OF YOUR QUITE OBVIOUS SCHEDULING PROBLEMS,
THAT OTHERS MAY ADVISE YOU THAT AS YOU HAVE BEEN TO
PAKISTAN BEFORE, YOU CAN AFFORD TO SKIP IT THIS TIME.
THE FALLACY IN THIS SEEMS TO ME TO BE THAT YOUR STOPS
HERE WERE TRANSIT IN NATURE FOR MORE IMPORTANT ONWARD
MISSIONS.

5. I WOULD EXPECT BHUTTO TO QUESTION ME CLOSELY ON ALL THIS
THE NEXT TIME I SEE HIM. I CAN ONLY EMPHASIZE AGAIN MY
HOPE THAT YOUR SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW AN OFFICIAL STOP IN
PAKISTANBYROADE
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